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Seventien American Vessels Chartered for Indefinite Periods.

CATTAIN GRIPPENBERG'S VIEWS.

Yow Russia Will "Crush England's Little Army."

BRITISH SPIES IN AMERICA.

The presence of the Russian paval officers that are now stopping at the Everett House has created a considerable excitement among the steamship owners and brokers in this city, and although in some instances buying any vessels, there has been a very decided advance in the market price of all sea-going steapers that are in first class order. Up to the present the Russian officials have kept very quiet, and no offers have been openly made to purchase any vessels, although they do not attempt to deny that they might be induced to make some purchases if they were met in a reasonable manner. The fact is, the rumors that have been spread of the Russian engoing last steamers has so carried away the owners of nearly all the available vessels that it is understood they are prepared to ask a price equivalent to more than what the vessels could be built for. If the Russian officers find they cannot got any vessels at a reasonable figure they may possibly have some built, as there are builders now ready to furnish the vessels they require in four months from the date of the order. ENGLAND ALSO BUYING STRAMERS.

One difficulty in the way of the Russian officials is the competition that is raised by the English agents that are also said to be in the market. A HERALD reporter was informed yesterday through a reliabl source that reveral steamers bad been carefully inspected by English agents and an offer had also been submitted to their owners. There is no doubt that the English are as equally well represented in this be prevented from making any purchases by the prices that are being asked by owners. One gentle-

man intimately connected with the English officials said yesterday that they had cabled across to purchase lour steamers that had been offered them in France, as they were far better than anything they could get in this country for the same money.

SHOWING MA. RIGLINSKEY OVER THE CITY.

The Russian officers did not transact any business yesterday of any importance, and Lieutenant H. M. Kholinskey and Lieutenant N. R. Rodionoff kept pretty close to the hotel all day. The naval architect, captain W. Kontsynikoff, started off about cleven o'clock with Mr. Nathaniel McKay on a kind of excursion through the city. Mr. McKay took his Russian friend to the Treasury Building, Park Bank, Post Office and other places of note, and gave him a really pleasant drive. When they visited the Post Office the Naval Architect was introduced to Postmaster James and shown over the department. He was rather astonished at the view he obtained from the root, and expressed himself very much interested in the elevators. After that Mr. McKay took his guest to the Fall River line, where they made an inspection of the steamer Bristol. The magnificence of the salcon littings were something new to Captain Konteynikoff, as that was a class of naval architecture in which his kontedge was limited.

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NOT PLEARED WITH THE STEAMERS.

They then paid a visit to about half a dzon of the best of our coast line steamers, with a view to forming some estimate as to how they could be adapted for naval zervice. The Russian naval architect was, perhaps, not duite so well pleased as he night have been, and said, from what he had zeen, there was a good deal of work to be done before those vessels could be turned into cruisers. In the first place they would have to be sheathed in wood, that is, the fron vessels, as otherwise they would not be capable of standing a long cruise. The wooden vessels are nearly all too old for active service at sea. Before returning bome Mr. McKay took his guest to pay a visit to the new armor that General Serrel had only recently brought to such a state of perfection.

The Russian officers remained in the hotel last evening basily engaged at their correspondence, and Capitain L. P. Semetachine returned from Washington at the o'clock P. M.

INTERVIEW WITH A BUSSIAN AGENT-SEVEN-

CENSURED FOR TALKING-HINTS OF BRIBERY IN WASHINGTON-RUSSIAN FLING AT OUR STATE DEPARTMENT.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. ! PHILADELPHIA, May 11, 1878.

Captain Semitschkin, of the Russian Navy, one of the reputed agents of that government in this country for the procurement of grussers in the event of a war between Russia and England, arrived to Philadelphia this morning on his way from Washington. He remained here only for a few hours and then left for New York, whither the beauquarters of the Russian Minister have recently been transferred from Washing the HERALD correspondent before his departure but the writer succeeded in finding a Russian gentleman, a friend of the Captain and himself one of the imperial agents, from whom more information was obtained than the reticent naval officer would have LOOKING POR PRIVATEERS.

When this gentleman was approached with the direct question as to what was the object of the visit to this city he shook his head, and pointing to his eyes, ears and mouth in turn, said, "We have two eyes for seeing, two ears for bearing, but only one outh to speak with." If you see the moral of this you will understand Russian diplomacy. Persistent but courteous pumping, however, on the part of the interviewer finally brought the admission that the principal object of Semitschkin's visit to Philadelphia was to decide upon the availability of the American line of Liverpool steamers for privateering purposes. The denial that these vessels could be bought by the Russians, which was sent to a press agent by the steamship company, the Russian agent "Russia does not wish to pur chase steamers." said the agent, "she only wishes to tered these American line steamers for our own nurpores if we desired it, although I understand an exorbitant price was demanded, but Captain Semitech kin examined the steamers and found them unsuita-ple. It was to close this business that he was in Philadelphia this moraing."
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"Yee; but they are not fast against strong winds and seas. They are too high out of the water. They might be piereed for guns, but they are too high out of the water. They might be piereed for guns, but they are too high to make privateers of."

"Have any American vessels yet been chartered or bought, or are the preliminary negotiations now going on in this country;"

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After some reductance this question was answered:—"I find that seems to be the general impression, but it is a minuse to suppose that we have done nothing more than look around. Seventees vessels have aireay been chartered for an uncertain time, but at fixed rates, and will be hired. I see decidedly object to telling you what these vessels are. You must not ask me any more.

THE RERALD EVERTWHERE.

"You already know too much. I would willingly give you further information, but the Rerald has too large a circulation. Wav, I flud to its St. Petersburg and as far as Night-Novgored, and in places in Europe where the London Times does not go. I have been all over the world, and it find the Herald banduncing the afrivatof those gentiemen in New York. How dot you get it?" Captain Hunt was criticised for taiking too much to the newspapers, it was admitted that he shored in the secrets of the Ressian effects, out he had been indiscreed.

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The English influence is very strong in Washington, and in the event of a war wink Russia the gentieman seciared the State Department would enforce the neutrality lews much more sprictly sgainst Russia than against English ones gentiemed that the constantly using money in Washington and Bussian is not England has the car of the United than anguinst English more was of the second of the second of the constantly level more sprictly sgainst Russia than against English more sprictly sgainst Russia than against English more sprictly state he know

having aircady sent a revenue cutter to watch the C. mbria?"

"We do not anticipate any trouble, because we may put them under the German flag. All the privateers will probably sail under German colors. This will protect them, without coubt. You know the German merchant ateamers were run under the Russian flag during the Franco-Irussian war?"

Boff wat with England the Russian, who seemed to see that he had been a little off in guard, answered that he did not think that war was very likely to occur. This struck the writer as not exactly consistent with the declarations that seventeen privateers have been already chartered.

I asked why war was thought not likely.

"Because," answered the Russian, "I know the Czar dees not wish to go to war. Of course, if we are slapped in the jace, why, then, we will defend ourselves; but If it can be avorded with dignity Russia will not go to war. That is the disposition of the Czar Alexander. When the Czarewitch reactes the throne it will probably be different."

INSPECTING STEAMERS IN PULLADELENIA.

Having ascertained the mission of Captain Semitschkin to Philadelphia regarding the American line steamers the correspondent sought diligently to flad out what steamers at this port would be approved by the Russian naval officers. This the Russian, with a polite smile, absolutely refused to tell, claiming that anydow it would be impossible to say positively as the Inspection had not been completed.

INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN GRIPPENBERG-FOLLOWED BY SPIES-MEN FOR THE PACIFIC COAST-HIS VIEW OF THE RELATIVE POSI-TIONS OF ENGLAND AND RUSSIA-SHIPPING INTERESTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.] BOSTON, May 11, 1878. In the HERALD of Wednesday appeared an interview with Captain Hunt, of this city, who is an agent of the Russian government and now looking after the interests of that country in New England. It was also sinted in that connection that Captain Gripponberg, of the Russian Navy, was in Boston on the same errand. Both these gentlemen left town Tuesday night on the Eastern Railroad for the coast of Maine. Captain Grippenberg went directly to the steamer Cimbria and there held consultation with the officers and "passengers," while Captain Hunt stayod at Port-land and from that point took observations of the harbor and adjacent bays and ports. Meanwhite Count Alexijeff, the distinguished "passenger" from the Cimbria, was in Boston and on his way to New York and Washington. It is a strange coincidence, but it is as true as it is strange that Count Alexijest and Captain Grippenberg were at the Porker House on the same day, both their names appearing on the same page of the register, and each was ignorant of the presence of the other. 'Captain Grippenberg regis-tered under-the name of "Alberts" and Count Alexijeff as "Agnevigne." Both loft town within an bour's time and they never saw each other.

HUNT AND GRIPPENBERG IN CONSULTATION. Captain Grippenberg and Hant have since returned. They were in consultation to-day with certain gent'emen in an office in Pemberton square. The former is stopping at the l'arker House and the latter with his father in Neponset. Your correspondent called on Captain Grippenberg at his room in the hotel this afternoon and had a very pleasant chat on Russian and

AN INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN GRIPPENBERG.

"I have just returned from the Cumbria," said the "I went there last Tuesday, and I am happy to say that I found all the officers and men in good health and spirits. The inhabitants in and around Southwest Harbor are very kind to them, and have displayed a good deal of warm sympathy for Russia by their kind treatment of both officers and men.

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"Is it true, Captain, that you and your associates have been purchasing vessels in New York and elsewhere since your arrival in this country?"

"Un!" replied the Captain, "you see I am acting under specific instructions of my government, and it would not be proper for me to divuige the secrets entrusted to my keeping. Of course in case of a declaration of war we will used a large number of alcamera. We have a great many "authorized agents in the United States, each having his special work to do, and I sm not acquainted with all their operations, neither do I know officially their instructions. However you can say these much, and that is that Russia will be well propared when war is declared, if it is a ever declared, and that she will have all the steamers she needs for all purposes."

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DESTINATION OF THE CIMBRIA'S MEN.

"What is to be the destination of the men on the Cimbria? Are they going to the Pacific?"

"I understand that such is to be their destination, or, at least, I have heard it so intimated. You see, we have a very due awal station in the Pacific, called Viadovitch. It we were to send crews from Russia direct overland it would take fully three months for them is reach that port. In sensing them through the United Stales the Journey is accomplished much more rapidly. The number of men on the Umbria is very small, however, and it will take a great many more men to man all our.

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AMERICAN NEWSPATER EXTERERISM.

"There is," and Capiain Grippenberg, "a mystery that I would like to have cleared up. How was it discovered that I was a passenger on board the Germania? I knew no one one board, and boside inat no one knew mp or my name, so far as I can learn, and yet on my arrival in New York I found myself heralded in the newspapers. You are very enterprising in America, I must say."

ARR THEY ENGLISH SPIES?

"I am aware that everyone of my movements are watched by Fritish spies. Sometimes I go along the streets attending to my business, and on turning round studenty! I am sure to see the lace of a man whom I have met upward of a dozen times that same day. He disappears quicky and as quickly reappears when he is least expected. At Southwest Harbor I found an Englishman on the lookout. I believe the New York Berald called him 'Inc Lono Fisherman.' He excited a good deal of merriment by his movements. The moment I left for Beston he telegraphed my departure to the British Consul here and also to the British Minister at Washington. As far as I am personally concurned I do not care, but it serves to show what a detestable system of espionage is being Rept up by the British government."

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"I see by the papers this morning that European advices are more pacific and that war may yet be averted. I do not see how Russia can back down and give way to the demanas of England. Russia has already granted more concessions than I could have believed. Our people, although they are willing to defend their national honor upon both land and sea, desire peace, but they are not willing to be roubbed of the benefits or their victory over Turkey. That victory cost us the lives of thousands of our best officers and soldiers, and having accomplished the freedom from Turkich threadom of the Christians in Bulgaria and Roumanis we are not going to permit England to come in at this late four of the day and dictate to us what terms we shall impose or accept.

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"England has made a nistake this time. She will find that in case of actual hostitules we will crush her handful of an army. The greatest number of men that England can musice for active service is in the net. hobrhood of three hundred thousand aghting men. We have an army of 1,000,000 men, including 300,000 veterans camped in the vicinity of Adrianople and San Stefano. Our havy is, of course, not so effective as that of England, but our vessels, such as we have, are supplied with the oest and most effective ordinance in the world, manned by first class sailors and commanded by experienced officers.

"The only towns in the Russian Empire that the English can attack with their men-of-war are a few unprotected places in Findand, the destruction of which would not entail serious loss apon the Empire, although I should be very sorry, indeed, for any loss that might occur to the inbitants of these towns. No. sir, rest assured that we are not airsid of the English either upon land or sea."

VERY DIFLORATIC.

During the entire conversation captain Grippenburg preserved a studied and careful guard over his speech, and while apparently discoursing in an off hand and jovial manner he never made use of a single expression that would tend directly to compromise himself or divelge sught of the secret with which he is intrusted. Captain Grippenburg is a man in the prime of life, with a spicinula physique and a prepossessing connenance. He speake bein French and English fluently, and in his conversation with the Herand Looking After Shrippen Interest Anglo-Saxon.

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on duty all day at the office of the list r, No. 12 Pemberton require. A large number of letters were written and despatched to prominent ship owners and saling masters. Among others, Captain Hunt wrote a letter to Captain Farr, who at resent occupies a position as Custom House officer on one of the steamers piring between this cuty and St. John, N. B. During the Inte civil war Captain Farr served as a lieutenant commander in the volunteer navy of the United States. In its letter Captaint Hunt state trat the application of Captain Farr had been considered favorably by the Rus ism Minister at Washington, and that he would receive definite orders in a few days assigning him to a position in the Russian Bayy.

ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE PACIFIC.

It was rumored about town yesterday afternoon that Captain Grippenberg was actively engaged in

making negotistions with the agents of the Lake Shord and New York Central rairroads for the transportation of the Russian contingent to the Pacific coast. The Heratlo correspondent called upon Mr. Gromwell, agent of the roads referred to, at his office, No. 15 State street. Mr. Gromwell stated that he was on board the Cimbria on Monday last, and had nad a very pleasant interview with Commander Grippenberg, and that as yet nothing definite had been arranged, but that he expected to hear from that gentleman in a few days.

BRIA HAS MEN FOR THE AMOOR RIVER-"NOTHING OF THE KIND."

IBY CABLE TO THE HERALD. 1

LONDON, May 12, 1878. A despatch from Rome contradicts the statement in the Standard of yesterday that the Russiam Ambassador at that city has said that the Cimbria was engaged to transport men and officers to America, where they will cross the continent and Amoor, the object being merely the better protection of her possessions on the lower Amoor. The despatch says :- "The Ambassador said nothing of the kind."

BANCROFT AT ANNAPOLIS.

THE VENERABLE HISTORIAN AND DIPLOMAT REVISITS THE NAVAL ACADEMY WHICH HE FOUNDED-TREATED TO A REVIEW AND SHAM FIGHT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

Anxapolis, hd., May 11, 1878.

To-day was one of especial interest at the Naval
Academy. Mr. George Bancroft, the venerable historian and ex-Secretary of the Navy, of Mr. Polk's administration, under whose directions the Naval Academy was founded here in 1845, revisited the institution. Mr. Bangrott arrived on the nine o'clock riage to the Navat Academy, where he was received by Rear Admiral Redgers, the officers and Professors of the academy, in their full uniform, and the full Marine Guard and the band. As Mr. Bancroft entered the gate the Naval Academy band played "Hatt to the Chief," and the guus of the Santee thundered a sa lute. The officers and professors of the academy es-corted Mr. Bancroit to the library building, where they were individually introduced to their distin-

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This ceremony over Mr. Bancroft, accompanied by Rear Admiral Rodgers, Colonei Bliss (formerly of the United States Army), Commanders Edward Forry and S. D. Green, paid agrist to the various departmental buildings in the Academy.

A SHAM FIGHT.

At hall-past ten the leature of the ceremonies of the day began—an artitlery artil and sham battle combined. The bands present in their unique suits of Bavarian blue and the red-coated drum corps shone in resplendent contrast to the ireshly mowed sward. To the strains of chilvening music the battalion, with sixteen guas, marched out of their armory and for the academy. Lieutenant Mason was in command. Mr. Bancroft was in a position to view the maneuvres and he was evidently greatly interested. The bartalion marched by in saiute and Mr. Bancroft returned the compliment. The fight was then begun. The battalion of a moment passed out of sight, and then on the left they came in view with tweive guas at Jouble Quick.

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Taking position they opened for on the imaginary enemy. After a few rounds the four remaining guns were orought forward at a very rapid speed as reinforcements to the extreme right. "Cannon to the right of them, causen to the left of them, volleyed and thundered," while the note of the bugle called the carbineers to take position on the extreme right, and to "open fire," which they did. Once more the bugle cannot do and the plan of battle changed. The battalton faced about, sont out a skirmish line and began the bittle anew. This time in pantomine and without firing.

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PREREPATION OF OFFICIERS.

When this was over the battation formed for dress parade, and the officers of the first class, thirty in number, formed to line and with drawn swords marched up, saluted Mr. Bancroft and each shook hands with him. The parade was then dismissed.

This is the first visit Mr. Bancroft map paid the Naval Academy since he selected the site thirty-three years ago. Then the academy was a fort with a company of solidiers stationed there, and only ten acres attached. Now it has forty acres of beautifully embeliabled grounds, handsome outlistings and 500 residents. Mr. Bancroft was much gratified at the great change that had taken place, and at what he saw. Rear Admiral Rodgers entertained Mr. Bancroft at dinner and he left this afternoon.

SECRETARY THOMPSONS TOUR.

A VISIT TO NORFOLK AND THE NORTH CARO-LINA COAST BY WAY OF THE INLAND NAVI-

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD:]

NORPOLK, Vo., May 11, 1878. Secretary of the Navy Thompson and a party of government officials and legislators arrived here on pleasant ride down Chesapeuke Bay. The party consisted of the Secretary and his son, Mr. John Hogg. Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Rear Admiral Gus-tavus H. Scott, Fabius Stanley, Commodore Thomas H. Stevens, Congressmen John Goode, Jr. of Virginia; John Hanna, of Indiana, and Leopold Morse, of Massachusetts, representing the Naval Committee; J. Judiciary; Stephen D. Lindsey, of Maine, and Levi Warner, of Connecticut, of the Committee on Claims. A number of ladies were with the party, which numbored fity-four persons, embracing department cierks, newspaper men and women, there being two of the latter class of correspondents.

- ENTRUSIANTIC RECEPTION. 'An immense throng of people assembled on the Bay line wharf, and as the Adriaide steamed up the harbor to the foot of High street the flagship Powhatan

lino wharf, and as the Adelaide steamed up the harbor to the loot of High street the flagship Powhatan saluted her with seventeen guns, and the stips of the Old Dominton line dipped their colors. The United States steamer Fortune was in waiting with Captain W. T. Truxton, executive officer of the yard, and stail on board, and at once the visitors were transferred to the Fortune and steamed ever to Norteik to breakinst at the Atlantic Hotel. In the meantime they were joined by Commodore Marshall Parks, the next and electrone of the occasion, and Colonel William B. Rogers, Colonel William White and others.

After breakinst the steamer conveyed the party to the Navy Yard, where they were received with all the honors of the service. Commodore Creignton and the various officers of the yard, in regulation full dress uniform, assembled on the wharf to tender a reception, and the marine battainen, under command of Colonel James Fortey, was drawn up in line with arms at a present as the visitors landed. The band of the Powhatan was not on hand. The Sceretary informed Commodore Creighton that his visit was in no sense official, and he therefore declined to make an inspection of the yard or be skilled by the Frankfile. With a portion of his party he theu repaired to the residence of the Commandant, where incural introductions took place and greetings were interchanged. A trill for the Old Domainen steamer PamBoo, which Commodore Parks had placed at their disposal, and very soon siter rapidly steamed up the southern branch. The gentlemen below mentioned and several representatives of the Norfolk Board of Trade accompanied the party. A throng of Norfolk laties and their executions were brought below mentioned and several representatives of the Norfolk Board of Trade accompanied the party. A throng of Norfolk laties and their executions are supplied and were brought back to the city on a tur. It is the purpose of the party to return here early on Monday morning. On their trip they will make an inspection of the character of

Albemsrie Sound.

A BANQUET IN PROSPECT.

On the return of the executations they will spend all day in Norfolk and accept a banquet to be given by the business men of the city, and as its o'clock P. M. will take the Bay line steamer on their return to

TAMMANY.

A brief session of the Tammany Committee on Orgna:zation was held at headquarters, in Fourteenth street, yesterday afternoon. No business of interest

PELIING A JUSTICE.

Justice Miller, of Bayonne, N. J., was wayfold on Friday night by a gang of young roughs, who peited him with a snower of cobble stones. Hernard Burns, who is said to be one of the assailants, has been ar-rested.

AMUSEMENTS.

With the performance of "Macbeth" last night Mr. John McCullough ended his present engagement in New York. It is an event with which he must have been well satisfied, although in all of his impersona tions he has been warmly received by lorge audiences, who have awarded him the intelligent praise which the true student of art most desires as his recom to orchestra, and standing room only could be had. Granard, a lady who not long ago gave readings in this city under the name of Gavin. It may seem Granard, a lady who not long ago gave readings in this city under the name of Gavin. It may seem unkind to say so, and yet it is truthful that she is too tall for a general actress and dwarfs into contemptible stature ordinary sized men. McCullough, for instance, is a well built athiete of five feet eleven, but the lady last night overtopped him to such an extent that he looked like little more than an overgrown Liliputian. She has a fair delivery, reads well, though low and indistinctly, and is entitled to all the indigence which attaches to a first appearance. It is not to be desired that the possesses much dramatic lorce and adapts herself to the requirements of the stance with a cooliness worthy of a veteran just she ought not to be misled by the appliance of a made-up sudience, or imagine herself supreme because a half dezen calls before the curtain represented the tribute which her many friends desired to pay. There was scarcely any scone in which hiss Granard made herself heard at the end of the auditurium, except to cultured ears, that could eatch her neely intoned notes and enjoy the artis of her seacher of clocution. She is not likely, therefore, to be immediately recognized as brilliant or to curry away with her a reputation much above the average lady readers of Shakespeare, of whom we have a host. To make an audience is the business of a manager. Tact belongs to the box office. I rue success is the outgrowth of well administered genus. The tragedy was enthus instically received by the many invited friends, and the debutante has good reason to be gratified with her reception. Mr. John McCullough goes to Syracuse, where he begins an engagement on Momlay.

STEINWAY HALL-SENOR NUNFZ'S CONCERT. Sener Gonzalo Nunez gave a concert in the small Steinway Hall yesterday afternoon, at which he was assisted by Mr. S. B. Mills, Miss Loutie Pluner, soprano, and Mr. A. Munksttrick, tenor. The perform ance of Senor Nunez on the place was the feature of the concert. He has an admirable style, a clean, clear touch and brilliant execution; but the quality of his touch is not sympathetic. He was heard in a Heethoven somata, in a Chopin duet for two planes, at one of which Mr. Mills presided, and in Liszi's "Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 2." In this latter he was heard at his best. His interpretation of the piece is slightly different from that of most planists. We have seidom if ever heard the piece better played on the plane. His runs were as clear as crystal, and he brought out all the brilliancy of this remarkably brilliant composition. Miss Lottie Primer sang Sullivan's "Let Me Dream Again." and is to be complimented upon having a neat little voice that was not over strained in this selection. Mr. Munkitrick sang a romanza from "Mignon" in a rather unpleasant tenor voice, that was tried beyond its dapacity later on in the programme, when he sang the famous and difficult tenor eria from Ressinl's "Otello."

MUSICAL AND DEAMATIC NOTES. Lotta will occupy her Newport home during th

Brignoll, de Murska and Susini are giving concerts

The Paris theatres have done a poor business during

There are 472 theatres, music halls and concert coms in London. Den Thompsen has been playing with much success

in San Francisco Miss Lena Aberle's benefit is announced for Tueslay, May 21, at Tivoli Theatre.

One of our leading photographers has sold 340,000 pictures of stage colebrities. Tony Pastor's Theatre is occupied by a variety com

any, which is doing a fair business. Another dime sacred concert at Cooper Institute to light, with an excellent programme for the money." Poole & Donuelly, of the Grand Opera House, are

aid to be among the lucktest managers in New York It is gossiped in foreign parts that "Diplomacy" will be reproduced at the Queen's private theatre during the summer.

Tony Paster and his entire troupe are announced to

ppear at the Grand Opera House for the week commencing to-morrow night.

Redieska was the recipient of such a magnificent flower piece in Louisville, Ky., from the Prentice Ciub, that she had it photographed.

Master W. H. Leo, the boy soprano, will sing and Mr. Frank Gilder will play the plane at the Young

Meu's Christian Association to morrow evening.
At Niblo's "The Marble Heart" continues to draw full houses, and downtown people enjoy one of the Mr. Edgar S. Allien, an amateur illusionist, assisted

by Mr. M. Isancs, will be the recipient of a testimonial benefit at Chickering Hail on Saturday evening. May 18. Mr. J. Sohn, the young plantst, to whom a benefit

concert was given at Steinway Hall on Wednesda evening, will sail for Europe in August, where he will omplete his musical education. The "Celebrated Case" is to be performed at the

Brooklyn Academy of Music to-morrow night and during the week, with the original cast and scenery

Miss Maggie Mitchell is winning new laurels on the road in Panchon and Little Barefoot. Few artists better deserve them. A good and virtuous woman

always carries a blessing with her.

The Co:vilie opera troupe, of which Mile. Roseau is a leading member, are singing in Baltimora. The prima donus has a répertoire of thirty-four operas. Last week she sang for Mrs. Hayes in the White Mr. Steele Mackaye's play, "Won at Last," is to be

put on the Wainut Street Theatre stage to-morrow evening. The author assumes the leading character of John Fleming and is supported by Miss Blanche At the Park Theatre to-morrow night the Aim de troupe will perform "Les Cloches de Corneville." It is

one of the choicest operas in the repertoire of the company, and the acting of Mezières, the miser, is a itage picture by itself, stage picture by staots.

Levy, the celebrated cornot player, says that after traveling 80,000 miles during the past three years it is his experience that the home music of a nation

always encits the most applause and commands the sympathy of an audience.

The management of Niblo's Theatre have tendered a benefit to Miss Gussie de Forrest on next Friday

evening. Dichens' "Oliver Twist" will be performed,

with Miss de Forrest in the character of Nancy Sikes The young lady is a clever actress, and has made ber mark during the past season.

To a select and distinguished andience in Chicker ing Hall, lest night, Mr. Benjamin Gregory gave an were of the usual character of prostingateurs, excited

considerable amusement and astonishment, especially the celebrated Indian box and basket trick. Heller enters upon his list work, and then hies away to Europe to join the professional pilgrams who propose to worship at the surmes of the Paris Exposition. Those who have not seen his latest and most interesting programme must do so within the next

six or eight performances or be disapt orbited. nounced for a first appearance in New York on Wednesday evening, May 15, at Chickering Hall. The other artists on the occasion will be Mesera A. E. Stolderd, baritone; Hermann and Ferdinand Carri, piano and violin; George W. Morgan, organ, and Miss Maud Morgan, harp.

The success of "Diplomacy" increases as the play the last week have been unusually large, and M Wallack is contemplating the extension of his season beyond its usual limits. It is scarcely possible to conceive anything more perfect than the present repre seniations by the respective artists.

Miss Adelaide Lenox will illustrate the condition

of the local drama in a dramatic monologue entitle; "The New York Stage as It Is," at Steinway Hall, on Friday evening, the 17th met. The entertainmen will consist of word pictures of actors, actresses and ing will be laid on some of the portraits Signor and Signora Patrizio are presenting one of

he most interesting performances in sleight-or-hand diusions, demonology, operations, memory and other kindred things that has been seen in New York for a long time. Two hours cannot be more pleasantly spent than at the San Francisco Minstrei Opera House watening dispolism, although it is described in bad

such excellent buriness as Fritz that the play will be kept on the boards until further apnouncement.

His songs and dances are hightly received with roars of laughter. Mr. Henderson deserves much credit for the happy manner in which he has supplied excel-ions theatrical pabulum to the public during his man-

A musical and literary entertainment for the benebe given at the hall of the Young Women's Christian Association, No. 7 East Fifteenth street, on Tuesday volunteered their services, and the occasion promises

The locality of tile Aquarium is very inviting to our ptown residents, and the management appears to e straining every nerve to make the place popular. several groups of rare fishes have just been reeived, and an hour or two can be most profitably spent by every one who visits the place in enjoying the piscatorial wonders of the oceans. The musical features of the week are also attractive.

There will be a parlor concers for the benefit of next at No. 167 Madison avenue. It is tendered by Miss Arabelia Root, who will be assisted by Miss Nolia Clemence, violinist; Mr. A. B. Furiong, tenor; Mr. Eugene de Kay Townsend, basso; Mr. R. H. Mayland, flutist; Mr. Albert G. Thies, planist and accompaniet, and Mr. James Pource, musical director. Signor and Signora Majeroni, both of whom have

been greatly admired by those who love that which is genuine in art, will oppear to-morrow night at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in "Camille." It is too frequently the case that we let first class actors or actresses ship through our hands before we become half acquainted with them, and then regret a lost opportunity. On Friday night they will take a joint benefit in the same play.

The June steamers will carry abroad many of our

prominent actors and actresses. Some go to play; most of them to rest. Florence will divide honors th two Emperors around the waters of Ems. Raymond goes into exile at another fashionable spring. John McCullough will spend his time in rambling human nature and guess multiplication sums in guineas across the footlights of the Haymarket.

The benefit tendered to Mrs. J. H. Hackett a year ago will take place on the 20th of the present month at Steinway Hall, On this occasion Mrs. Backett will read selections from Shakespeare and recite a poem lected musical talent. The invitation to Mrs. Hackett is signed by ex-Governor Tilden, Mayor Ely, William Cullen Bryant, William T. Fargo, John Kelly and other prominent cit zaps.

The second in the series of Levy's concerts in connection with Mr. Henry Tissington's grand orchestra will be given this evening at the Grand Opera House. He will play on this occasion "The Exile's Lament" for the first time in thirteen years, and "The Carnival of Venice," which he announces has never been performed in the world by any other player on the cornes. The assisting artists will be Mila. Clara Reinman, soprano; Mr. R. S. Glover, tenor; Signor Morostot,

piantst, and Mr. Charles E. Pratt, accompanist, Miss Selma Borg, the well known lecturer on Finnish mythology and Finnish music, who recently appeared in Chickering Hall, is astonished at the diversity of opinions in this country concerning hell. She says that her own climate is so cold the people look on hell as a very destrable place of rest on account of its warmth-a veritable paradise, where one is not obliged to burn perpetual peat fires and live to darkness half do year. What a difference temperature must make with one's religion.

The Hess English Opera Company will present the sparkling opera of the "Chimes of Normandy" at the Union Square Theatre to morrow evening, with many new and effective leatures. The scene of the Hall of the Knights of Old in the second act will be one of the most striking effects ever produced on the boards of peal and the affrighted miser seeks to conceal his hoard the stage is suddenly filled with men in armor. who descend from their niches and pedestals. In the last act a grand leto and procession will be given.

The old Broadway company, under Mr. Duff, will reproduce Mr. George Fawcett Rowe's version of "Exties" at the Bowery Theatre to-morrow night stage permits the largest development of dramating sented. Several new mechanical effects are promised, especially in the snow scene, and the menagerie will side theatregoers are likely to enjoy a new sensation. Mme. Helena Modjeska will play at the new Park

Theatre, Brooklyn, during the coming week, sup-ported by a company which includes Mr. W. F. Bur-roughs, Mr. Ed. Marbie, Mrs. J. J. Prior and sizes Clara Cole. She will appear in three volca-Camilie, Juliet and Adrience. Robson and Crane in "Our Bachelors" succeed the Countess Bozenta on May 20, and with their departure Colonel Ston concludes his dramatic sesson. It has been a very successful one,

Gilmore's Garden will be opened by Messra Shook Gilmore for the regular summer season on the evening of May 25. In addition to the orthodox attractions of the garden itself Theodore Thomas, with newly organized orchestra of eighty musicians, will discourse popular sirs every evening during each to classical music. This arrangement, it is announced, will be rigidly adhered to, and will, when carried out, end more to popularize Theodore I homas and his hand than any other measure that could have been

tions will be made for the summer season.

Miss Kate Percy Douglas, soprane, will be the regiven to-morrow night at Chickoring Hall. The following artists have volunteered their services, and their names are so well known that a promise of a pleasurable entertainment is unnecessary:-Mme. Juie De Ryther, contraite; Mr. W. S. Leggat, tonor; Mr. George P. Warner, basso; Mr. Charles Mr. George P. Warner, basso; Mr. Charles Worner, 'cello; Mr. Homer N. Bartlett, piano; Mr. Henry Car-ter, organ. The Symphonia Quartet—Mr. H. A. Mass, Mr. W. Dennison, Mr. L. F. Weismann, Mr. G. P. Warner; Mr. Henry Galt, electronis; Mr. Charles A. Cable, conductor.

The programmes of the London theatres for the

week ending April 27, present the following:-Her Majesty's, closed; Drury Lane, closed; Covent Gar-den, Italian Opera; Haymarket, "A Fair En-Measure;" Adelphi, "Front: a Colebrated Case;" Princess', "Out to Nurse" and "Jane Shore;" Lycom, "Louis XL" and "Turning the Tables;" Olym pic, "Little Vixens" and "Jealousy;" Strand, "The "Mind the Shop," A Fool and His Money" and "A National Question;" Opera Comique, "The Sorcerer and "Trial by Jury;" Vaudeville, "A Whiringig," "Our Boys" and "A Fearful Fog;" Gaiety, "A More Bund," "Old Soldiers," and "Il Sonnamnulo and Little Alessio; 'Prince of Wales', "Diplomacy;" Criterion, "The Porter's Knot." and "Pick Dominos;" Polly, "Crazed" and "Les Cloches de Corneville;" St. James', 'Such is the Law;" Queen's, "Orson" and "Madeleto Morel;" Royalty, "La Marjolame" and "Cherry Bounce; Standard, "Furn of the Tide;" Surrey, "Black Eyed Susan" and "Bound to Succeed;" Duke's, "East Lynne;" Alhambro, lerce and "The Grand Duchess;" Philharmonic, a ferce and "Geneviève de Brabant;" New Grecian, "Noticoto Quit;" Brittannia, "Rachel's Penance" and "New Richard HI ;" Park, "Pom;" Astley's, "Dolly Varden;" Court, "Olivia."

SEEKING HIS WIFE.

The wife of John Blum, who lives at No. 39 Garden proct, Hoboken, has dirappeared. Blum is a night watchman, and when he reached his home yesterday morning he found on a table an empty bottle labelled morning he loads on a taste an empty bottle labelled person. By its side was an affectionate note in which the writer, his "loving wife blaris," said that he would never again see her aire. She had taken the pot-op, but it faired to promptify do its work, and she had gone where death a embrace would be speedily had. The griof-stricken husband divcovered that his wife was seeking death with her good clothes on. Her entire wardrobe was missing.

MR. A. VAN RENSSELZER'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Alexander Van Ransselaer, who died ast Weenesday, took place yesterday morning from Dr. John Hell's Church, Fifty-fifth street and Fifth avonue. The deceased was the last male descendant avoine. The deceased was the last male descendant of the Ismeus V n Rensselaer, and he Ismeus to sequies were attended by representatives from marry all the old Kniegerbocker families in the State. The patibearers were Charles L. Brace, William B. Grosby, George F Johns, Watter Langdon, Charles Da Phair, Frederick Wolcout and William C. Schernerhorn. The services of the Presbyterian Churco were read by Dr. Hall, activided by Rev. W. W. Alor.

EXECUTIONS.

PETER BROWN HANGED-THE PENALTY OF AM ATEOCIOUS CRIME PIRST CONFESSED ON THE

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.

NEW ORLEANS, May 11, 1878. Yesterany at twelve o'clock promptly Peter Brown res buog at Manny, in Sabine parish, in this State was particularly cold blooded, and had robbery for its object, Brown, in company with an another negro, stealing from their victim only a few dollars. In Brown and another pegro came up to him and had been in some way connected with the Sheriff's office, Dr. Evans accompanied them, though why was not known, they having no though why was not known, they having ne warrant to show, or anything which would lead my inteligent man to suppose they had any right to arrest him. After passing the ferry at the Sahne River the marderers conducted their victim into the woods, where, though he was unarmed and his hands were though he was unarmed and his hands were the did they fell upon him and killed him, pounding him late a jelly. After dragging the body some eighty yards further from the road they robbed and loft it.

TRIAL AND CONVICTIONS.

Subsequently suspicion rested upon Brown, and he was arrested and tred in Pedruary last, when he was found guilty and sentenced to be hung.

At the appointed time the prisoner was led forth guarded by the Sheriff and his deputies. He appeared somewhat excited as he mounted the gallows. A large crowd was in attendance, who gazed with intense excitement upon every preliminary, but without symmatry, the cold blooded nature of the murder setting all against him.

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When asked if he had anything to say he made a full confession, and asked forgiveness of foud and the people for his sins. When he had concluded the trap was sprung and he was launched into eternity. After hanging for about twenty minutes his body was cut down, when the crowd quietly dispersed. The place where the execution took place is near the Texas line, and it was only after the ulmost difficulty the facts could be transmitted. A correspondent having to ride nearly eighty miles to reach a telegraph station.

EXECUTION OF ANTHONY M'RAY FOR A MURDER COMMITTED TEN YEARS AGO-A DYING ASSER-TION OF INNOCENCE.

[From the Charleston Journal of Commerce, May 8.] DARLINGTON, S. C., May 3, 1878.

Anthony McKay, colored, was to-day hanged for the murder of S. Suggs, who was most foully murdered about ten years ago by an armed band at Geo's Mill. One Cyrus Coschman was banged for the same crime, and mentioned before he died Anthony McKay as one of the band. At twenty-five minutes after cleven o'clock the Sheriff. with the necessary guards and witnesses-who were admitted into the jail yard by lickets-entered the jail. Between the jail and the kitchen, which jail. Between the jail and the kitchen, which stands just in the rear of the jail, a wail twenty feet high had been erected, using the rear of the jail and from the fitteness as two sides of the inclease. In this space, about forty feet aquare, the gallows had been erected. At sixteen minutes before twelve o'slock the Sheriff emerged from the back door of the jail, leading the doorsed man, wearing the usual black cap and dressed in his burial clothes. In appearance he was calm, though weak and very much emacated from long imprisonment. With some difficulty he ascended the ladder, his bands being chained behind him. When he had gailed the platform and was seated he spoke as follows:—

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'I am happy to see you all, and bid you all farewell,
I bope you will all pray and trust in God and try to
get to heaven, for I die to-day an innocent man. I
never made any contession to the brotter (James
Smith, on whose testimony he was partly convicted),
who swore away my life. I nover had any
pistols, guns or shot. It could have been decided
here below, but it was not, and I go to the supreme
court of Aimighty God to be judged by Him. My
life was sworn away, because my wife and daughter
had a difficulty with the wife of the Rev. James
Smith. I am innocent, yet I am willing to die, for
I am not the only man who was put to death me
noceasity. My Saviour was also put to death withous
cause."

He was here told by his spiritual advisor, Rev. S.

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He was here told by his spiritual adviser, Rev. S. Lewton, that some criminals, even on the gallows, say that they are innecent, thereby hoping for pardon, but there was no prospect for him of a pardon, and did he still deny lif. He again declared his inno-cence and said that he knew nothing of the nurrier of Suggs, and did not know even where the place was Several times his voice almost broke cown, and with grout efforts be kept from crying sloud, but in other respects be was very calin. He then base the muniter farewell and sont farowell messages to his (Lawton's) family. He tunnked Mr. Daten, the jailer, and said that he has received many kindnesses from Mrs. Daten and the children, for which he felt very gratiful. The rope was thon adjusted around his need, and the soni of Anthony McKay was launched into efernity. Though he had a fall of live feet his neck was not broken, and he died by strangulation.

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murder of John Atloff, at Etms, to this county, on

April 2 last, and sentenced to be executed on Jone 21.

MURDERER SENTENCED.

Bantmons, May 11, 1878. the murder of his brother, was to-day sentenced to

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

LONDON, Ont., May 11, 1878. John Smith, alias Brown, was arrested at Thorndale to-day on suspicion of being the murderer of Thomas Alian, who was recently found in a sugar bush, near

MURDER WILL OUT.

ST JOHN, N. B., May 11, 1678. The body of Timothy McCarthy, who was murdered at Shedine last August, was found to-day in the Scouand River, near the place pointed out by the girl Parker, who accused the Osboro lamily of murdering him. A gold watch, a revolver, a moorschaum pipe and \$200 were found on the body. The Osborus are held in jall awaiting trial, and also the girl Parker as

BURGLARY,

THE SUMMER RESIDENCE OF THE VAN RENS-SELAER FAMILY VISITED BY THIEVES. [BY TELEGRAPH, TO THE HERALD.]

NEWPORT. R. L. May 11, 1878. The summer residence of the late Alexander Van tonsselner, of New York, who was buried to-day, has been broken into. The house is situated on Beach View avenue, a section of the city which is not Beach View avenue, a section of the city which is not guarded by the police. The thicres went to the summer regardence of Mr. Hamilton Hoppin, of New York, near by and took ladders which were being used there by painters and by the use of which they entered the Van Rensselaer house through the windows of the second fluor over a pazza, the glass being broken in orsee to permit the untastening of the window catch. Procuring a light they ransacked the house from cellar to attic, entering all the rooms. Owing to the determinent it will be averal days before it can be known what arkeles have been stolen. The ladders were left standing against the house, and no attempt was made to conecal the traces of their depredations.

A DESPERADO.

Mameria, Tone., May 11, 1578. In the Crimical Court to-day Judge Logwood sonteneed Mack Williams to the Pentlentiary for two years for malicious shooting in connection with an years for malicious shooting in connection with an assault upon some negroes on Big Crock in this county. A low moments after seatence was pronounced Williams darted through the door and ray down Poplar street. Three deputy shoriffs were soon mounted and in Bot pursuit, and ilmaily evertook him in the suburbs. He Bred at them with a revolver, wounding Deputy McMahon's horse, and continued shooting until the weapon was emptied. He then draw another revolver and continued fring until brought down by a shot through the hip. He was then carried back to juit. He is also indicted for murdering two colored men. He said yesterday that if the Judge, sheriff and Attorney General.

TOO WILFUL TO LIVE.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 11, 1878. A special despatch to the Trebune from Joliet, Ill. says:—"The Corener's jury yesterday, in the case of Gas Reed, a negro convict, who died recently under penuliar-circumstances in the Penitentisty, rendered its verifict to the effect that he died in the sellitary department of the prison from pulminary apoplexy, nrieshed to by persistent yelling while a gaz was in his mouth, that the gaz was put in his mouth by stephen Read and Pars Leasure, acting under the orders of incir superior efficers, and that the officials were justified in giving such orders because of the surruly conduct of the deceased. The case attracted some attention because of the alleged extreme crucity practized on this man and other convicts."